

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 2 February 2016
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Eric Stange and Chair JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: No review of the minutes.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Jarod Galvin (Frank Shirley Architects) calling regarding 252 Gray Street – wants to confirm the time for the formal hearing on February 2, 2016.
 - b. Don Murphy-Caccavaro Construction 617-763-5884 ron@caccavaroinc.com 248 Massachusetts Ave. Sign off for Demolition.
 - c. Sign off for 161 Mystic Street was sent to the Building Department. This property is not on the Inventory.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report. Meeting in March.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Upcoming Lecture with Lisa Anne Welter titled- Social Needlework: From Quilting Bees to Sewing and Knitting Circles. See examples from the Society's collection. Presentation to be held at the Masonic Temple at 7:30pm on February
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Joint Meeting of the Arlington Historical Commission and the Arlington Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, January 14 at 8pm at the Whittemore Robbins House. Ms. Robinson received a copy of the minutes.
 - d. ATED- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee (Guthrie) – Movement to bring back the Patriots' Day parade.
 - e. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Ms. Robinson reported that at an open hearing on January 20, 2016 presented how application process will work and copy of the applications. Questions about how the money will be allocated. 40 people attended. Applications for planned projects are due on February 22. The Old Schwamb Mill, the Carriage House and a survey of the historic municipal buildings.
5. Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - Mr. Guthrie reported that the carriage house is in dire straits. Cottage needs lead removal, and there is a question about the use for the structure. Mr. Guthrie in working with the Health and Human Services department and he has recommended that they request quotes for

engineering studies to get repairs estimated. Ms. Robinson met with Christine Bongiorno and Mr. Guthrie emailed and spoke with Christine Bongiorno. Get results by February 22, 2016 deadline for CPA applications.

- b. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- Applying for a CPA Grant.
- c. 18 Robin Hood Road 3/15 Robinson- Nothing to report.
- d. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange- Nothing to report
- e. 163 Park Avenue 6/15 Guthrie- Completed.
- f. 61 Brantwood Road 7/15 Stange- Nothing to report.
- g. 1167 Massachusetts Avenue 8/15 Robinson- Completed. Flexible workspace - Open House February 9 from 5pm-7pm.
- h. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer-Moving right along. Started the bump out.

7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – See above.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Tree work done in the garden. Plan to replant the edge along Town Hall. Prune back other trees.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Vicki Rose will call to check in on sign making.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm- Hearing 3-11 Lakeview Street.

The contractor attended the hearing on January 5, 2016 with the Arlington Historical Commission. It was determined that the hearing would need to be continued. The Commission was told by the contractor that he would contact the owner regarding the hearing being continued on February 2, 2016.

Discussion: There was no communication from the contractor or the owners and neither appeared at the February 2, 2016 hearing.

Abutters present for the meeting were Laura Bergan and Christine Dorchak. Ms. Bergan made no comment. Ms. Dorchak stated that she came to the meeting to meet the landlord and talk to him about the stress placed on the tenants due to the work. She had not received a notice from the landlord about the changes. She also had complaints regarding interior work that was planned for her apartment.

In the owner's absence the Commission continued its discussion.

A motion was made by Ms. Meister that the building be preferentially preserved and that the demolition permit would be denied. Mr. Guthrie seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

8:30pm Hearing: 252 Gray Street Presenters: Jarod Galvin, architect and Regan Winkler, owner.

Plans: The front elevation will be untouched. Repair of rot and windows on the historic house. The rear wing is the focus of the work. The plan is to retain the fabric, but make it livable for a family of four. The back L will be demolished. A new concrete foundation will be made with a full basement. Frank Shirley architects presented designs for the new L.

The meeting was opened up to comments to neighbors. Ken Theriault from 248 Gray Street had a question regarding the set back for the garage. It will be 10 feet.

A motion was made by Eric Stange to accept the plan as proposed for 252 Gray Street. JoAnn Robinson will confirm details with Jarod Galvin. Pam 2nd the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Patrick Guthrie will be the monitor for the property.

Closed 8:54pm.

Informal Hearing: Dan Hisel and Donna Smith Sharp from the Children's Room at 1210 Massachusetts Ave. Two major projects planned: repair porch and build a handicap accessible ramp. A few design styles were shared. A formal hearing was set for 8pm on March 1, 2016.

The informal hearing ended at 9:15pm.

9:16pm Informal Hearing with Sal Pinchera from 122 Claremont Ave. There is a two-car garage on the property that is rotting and he would like to repair. The garage doors will remain the same and plans are to replace the windows. The informal hearing ended at 9:34pm.

Old Business:

Atwood House- Why is the building boarded up? A letter was sent to the Building Department.

New Business:

Arlington Cultural District – add to a Report on Town Boards

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be March 1, 2016.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.